



Feeling Hungry?



Greetings

Welcome to the community in Christ at Zion United Church of Christ. We believe that all people are children of God and rejoice that you have chosen to worship God with us today. If you are visiting our community, we wish to extend our hand in Christian fellowship and hope that you will take a moment to visit with us after the service. If you have any questions prior to the service, please ask anyone in the community. We have all been visitors at some time in our life, and we are eager to assist you in any way.

May the Holy Spirit fill us and guide us as we worship God together.

*amplified hearing devices are available through our ushers

August 2, 2020

Face to Face

9:30 am

*** Please stand as you are able**

Church Bell Welcome and Announcements

We Prepare to Worship God

Prayer & Prelude "10,000 Reasons" by Matt Redman

We Gather Around God's Word

A reading from Psalm 145

Call to Worship (responsive)

One: The day breaks

All: And God does not let us go.

One: The hour calls

All: And God does not let us flee.

One: The evening falls

All: And God holds us fast.

One: Let us turn to God in worship

All: Our God, who never turns from us.

***Prayer of Invocation:** (in unison)

Glorious God, you see us. You see our struggles. You see our difficulties. You see our possibilities. You see our promise. O God, help us soften the hard spots of our hearts. Call us in from our wandering. For you are a good God, a God present in our challenge through this life. You bless us and we respond with Great Thanks through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Musical Interlude "DUKE STREET" by John Hatton

The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community

Pastoral Prayer a sharing of community and world prayers

Affirmation of Faith

One: We are not alone; we live in God's world.

All: We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

We Engage God's Word

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 55:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon: *"Feeling Hungry?"*

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Declaration

Pastor: When resources were short, did Christ worry? No! Christ saw the gifts, multiplied them! This is the miracle we witness when we give to the church. God takes what we have, and God does good things with it. Thank you for participating in the miracle of God's multiplying love.

*Prayer of Reception

Liberator Christ, you went to the top of a mountain, and taught a sacred word about the meek and the grief stricken, about the lost and the lonely. Bless our gifts and help us to see the world not as it is, but as it could be, so that we may become a light to all. In the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

The Celebration of Communion

Musical Interlude "YISU NE KAHA" *arr. Francis B. Westbrook*

Communion Prayer:

"Together, we are blessed by being here."

Invitation to the Lord's Table:

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing of God's Gifts

We will take the bread first after all have received it as one community of Christ, then we will take the wine in the same manner.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:** (In Unison)

Ever-Creating God, You have never stopped Your loving work upon this earth. You work within our hearts. You work within our congregation. You work within the world. Send us from this table prepared and recharged to carry the Good News of Jesus Christ to all those who look for your great love. Amen

Musical Interlude "NEW DIMENSIONS" *by Julian Rush*

We Are Sent Into the World

*The Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")

*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude "The Butterfly Song" *by Brian Howard*

SERVING TODAY:

Organist: Carter Horman

Liturgist: Megan Horman

Ushers: Church Council

Videographer: Julie Hoffmeier

Disciples: All God's People

Pastor: Rev. Steve Stepp

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*The flowers on the altar are in honor of
Terry and Duane Lasack's
50th Wedding Anniversary,
which was August 1st.*

*The flowers are presented by
Zion Evening Circle.*

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE
ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020
AT THE LOWDEN MEMORIAL PARK
SOUTH SHELTER**

PLEASE BRING A CHAIR AND ENJOY THE SERVICE

ZION PRAYER LIST

Joan Weimann	Blake Proesch	Pastor Scott
Luann Gottschalk	Brian Hoffmeier	Marlene Wiedenhoff
Rose Horman	Gladys Conrad	Daniel Johnson
Roger Huffman	Viola Thomas	Chad Minor & fmlly
Carol Boedeker	Neal Mess	Kylee Schmalfeldt
Donna Breneman	Bruce Hoffmeier	Florence Deerberg
Helen Gottschalk	Berniece Minor	Pearl Huffman
Marcus Barnes	Rick & Mary Balke	Evelyn Unteidt
Elda Doermann	Nancy Loeffelhol	Mark Winder
Briana Terlisner	Rhonda Scholenfelder	
Terry Bilslund		

p.s. "Dear God, enable us to give freely!"

Psalm 145

- ¹ I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- ² Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.
- ³ Great is the LORD and most worthy of
praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.
- ⁴ One generation commends your works to
another;
they tell of your mighty acts.
- ⁵ They speak of the glorious splendor of
your majesty—
and I will meditate on your wonderful
works.
- ⁶ They tell of the power of your awesome
works—
and I will proclaim your great deeds.
- ⁷ They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

Isaiah 55:1-5

¹ "Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;

and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.

² Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.

³ Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with
you,

my faithful love promised to David.

⁴ See, I have made him a witness to the
peoples,

a ruler and commander of the peoples.

⁵ Surely you will summon nations you know
not,

and nations you do not know will come
running to you,

because of the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel,

for he has endowed you with splendor."

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

¹⁷ "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

¹⁸ "Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.